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Applicants: WATANABE et al

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For: Three-Dimensional Shape Measuring Unit, Processing
Unit, And Semiconductor Device Manufacturing Method

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments are respectfully requested in connection with the
above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.